

## **Iowa Grants Enterprise Management System (GEMS)**

### **Database**

The GEMS database currently collects data on competitive grants applied for by state agencies. The Iowa Congressional Delegation has requested periodic reports so they can provide support for pending applications.

### **Training**

GEMS recently sponsored a series of eight two-day Grant Writer Workshops. These training events were held on community college campuses throughout the state.

### **Iowa Grant Symposium**

The 2008 Iowa Grant Symposium is planned for June 3 and 4, 2008 at the Scheman Building, ISU. We are expecting 500+ participants representing state and local government, nonprofit organizations, K-12 schools, institutions of higher education, libraries, foundations and corporations.

### **eCivis Grant Research System**

The Department of Management entered into a contract with eCivis on November 1, 2007 to provide grant search tools to state agencies. Some of the features of this service are:

- Unlimited number of state government users
- Posting of federal and foundation opportunities that are available to government entities
- Ability to create search agents with email alerts
- News articles regarding the Federal Budget
- Federal budget bill analysis of future funding opportunities

### **Electronic Grant Notification Storefront and Grant Management System (e-GMS)**

The Department of Management released an RFP on January 14, 2008 for an Electronic Grant Notification Storefront and Grant Management System. Responses are due March 5, 2008. The Storefront and E-GMS are a global attempt to simplify the grant identification and application process for state customers and provide a unified grant management approach within state government.

The proposed system will provide a grant notification Storefront to assist public and private entities seeking funding through state administered grant programs. Implementation of the system will significantly reduce the amount of time agencies spend on the process of awarding and managing grants, resulting in an increased focus on monitoring the status of funded projects and providing technical assistance to grantees

The following agencies collaborated on the RFP development:

- Department of Administrative Services, Information Technology Enterprise
- Department of Economic Development
- Department of Education
- Department of Public Defense, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division
- Department of Management
- Department of Transportation
- Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service
- Iowa League of Cities
- Office of Drug Control Policy